



Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/541,597	04/03/2000	Kenichiro Sato	Q58614

CONFIRMATION NO. 4840

Sughrue Mion Zinn Macpeak & Seas PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue N W
Washington, DC 20037-3202



Date Mailed: 03/31/2003

NOTICE REGARDING NONPUBLICATION REQUEST

The nonpublication request filed on 05/21/2002 is acknowledged.

- The request cannot be accepted because 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) and 37 CFR 1.213 require that any nonpublication request be submitted upon filing. Therefore, the application remains subject to the publication provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 CFR 1.211.
- Applicant has requested non-publication, certifying that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing, and has also claimed the benefit of an application filed in another country or under a multilateral agreement. Because this certification is inconsistent with the priority claim, the Office has scheduled this application for publication in accordance with 37 CFR 1.211(a). If applicant considers the certification submitted with this application to be consistent with the priority claim and persists in requesting that this application not be published pursuant to 37 CFR 1.211, applicant has a non-extendable time period of thirty (30) days from the mail date of this notice to provide a satisfactory explanation as to how the certification submitted with this application is valid in light of the priority claim.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination at (703) 308-1202.